

from a late Liverpool Mercury. It is understood that very shortly after the meeting of the new Parliament a trial of strength will take place in the House of Commons. The subject will be a motion, substantially, for a parliamentary investigation of the state of the country, but differing in form from the proposition of last session.

Extract of a letter from the Queen of England, dated at Rome on the 16th of March.

"During my residence at Milan, in consequence of the infamous behaviour of Mr. Ompteda, (he having bribed my servants to become the traducers of my character) one of my English gentlemen challenged him; the Austrian Government sent off Mr. Ompteda. I wrote myself to the emperor of Austria, requesting his protection against spies, who employed persons to introduce themselves into my house, and particularly into my kitchen, to poison the dishes prepared for my table. I never received any answer to this letter. After this I was obliged to go into Germany, to visit my relatives the Margravine of Baden, and the Margravine of Baruth. The shortest road for my return to Italy was through Vienna; and I took that road, with the flattering hope that the Emperor would protect me. Arrived at Vienna, I demanded public satisfaction for the public insult I had experienced in Lombardy; this was refused me, and a new insult was offered. The Emperor refused to meet me, or to accept my visit.

"Lord Stewart, the English Ambassador, having received a letter from me, informing him, of my intention of returning by Vienna, and of taking possession of his house there (as it is the custom of Foreign Ambassadors to receive their Princesses into their houses, when travelling,) absolutely refused me his house, left the town, and retired into the country. Lord Stewart, afterwards wrote a very important letter to me, which is now in Mr. Canning's hands, as I sent it to England. Finding the Austrian Government so much influenced by the English Ministers, I sold my villa on the Lake of Como, and settled myself quietly in the Roman estates. I there met with great civility for some time, and protection against the spy, Mr. Ompteda; but, from the moment I became Queen of England, all civility ceased.

"Cardinal Gonsalvi has been much influenced since that period by the Baron de Rydan, the Hanoverian Minister, who succeeded Mr. Ompteda, deceased. The Baron de Rydan has taken an oath never to acknowledge me as Queen of England, and persuades every person to call me Caroline of Brunswick. A guard has been refused me as Queen, which was granted to me as Princess of Wales, because no communication has been received from the British government, announcing me as Queen. My messenger was refused a passport for England. I also experienced much insult from the court of Turin.

"Last year in the month of September (I was travelling incognito, under the name of the Countess Oldi,) I went to the confines of the Austrian estates, to the first small town belonging to the King of Sardinia, on my way to meet Mr. Brougham at Lyons, as the direct road lay through Turin. I wrote myself to the Queen of Sardinia, informing her that I could not remain at Turin, being anxious to reach Lyons as soon as possible, and also that I was travelling incognito; I received no answer to this letter. The post-master at Bronio, the small post-town near the country villa, where I then resided, absolutely refused me post-horses; in consequence of this refusal, I wrote to Mr. Hill, the English Minister at Turin, demanding immediate satisfaction, and the reason for such an insult. Mr. Hill excused himself upon the plea of its being a misunderstanding, and told me that post-horses would be in readiness whenever I should require them. I accordingly set out, and arranged to go through the town of Turin at night, and only to stop to change horses; but I received positive orders not to go through the town, but to proceed by a very circuitous road, which obliged me to travel almost the whole night, in very dangerous roads, and prevented me from reaching the post-town (where I should have passed the night) till five in the morning, when, by going through Turin, I might have reached it by ten at night.

"Finding so much difficulty attending my travelling, I thought the most proper mode for me to pursue would be to acquire the high personages of my intention of passing

the winter, at Lyons, previously to my intended return to England in the Spring. I addressed a letter to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, informing him of my intentions; and also that I wished to preserve the strictest incognito. No notice was taken of this letter; and one addressed to the Prefect of Lyons, met with like contempt. In fact, from the 7th October to the 26th January, the day I embarked from Toulon for Leghorn, I received so much insult from the Governor and Prefect, that I almost considered my life in danger, unprotected as I then was, in such a country. Another motive induced me to leave it—Mr. Brougham could not fix the period for meeting me anywhere in France.

"I have written to Lord Liverpool, and Lord Castlereagh, demanding to have my name inserted in the Liturgy of the Church of England, and that orders be given to all British Ambassadors, Ministers, and Consuls, that I should be received and acknowledged as the Queen of England; and after the speech made by Lord Castlereagh, in the house of commons, in answer to Mr. Brougham, I do not expect to experience further insult. I have also demanded that a Palace may be prepared for my reception. England is my real home, to which I shall immediately fly. I have dismissed my Italian Court, retaining only a sufficient number of persons to conduct me to England, and if Buckingham House, Marlborough-house, or any other palace is refused me, I shall take a house in the country, till my friends can find a palace for me in London. I have sent a messenger to England to make the proper arrangements for that purpose."

Islands discovered in the Pacific Ocean.

A notice has previously appeared in the American papers of the discovery of a group of small islands in the Pacific Ocean, lying in the track between Valparaiso and the East-Indies. We have now been favoured with the perusal of a letter from Captain de Peyster himself, who made this interesting discovery. We subjoin a literal transcript of his account, which was received in London by the last arrival from Calcutta.

"Ship Rebecca, at Sea, May 25th, 1819. Long. 168. W. Lat. 6. 55. S."

"On the 28th of March I took my final departure from Valparaiso, and on the 28th of April anchored in Port Anna Maria, Novaheeva, one of the Marquesas. We remained two days to procure a supply of wood and water, and proceeded west. On the morning of the 17th of May at 3 o'clock, the Rebecca's cruise had nearly terminated; the man at the helm first saw some low bushes, not thrice her own length, a head; brought her instantly to the wind, and I may say with truth she scraped clear of it. I have to till day-light, and then stood close in, and at 12 reduced the latitude and longitude of this group (for it apparently consisted of 14 small islands and sands keys) from many lunar observations, which agreed within three miles of my chronometers, to the following; lon. of the centre, 180. 54 W. lat. 8. 29. S."

"Being the discoverers, I called them, 'Ellice's Group;' the island we first saw, and so narrowly escaped, 'Escape Island;' the one adjoining, 'Rebecca Island;' and the Westernmost, 'Brown's Island.' They did not appear to be inhabited. At noon we made sail and at 8 in the evening discovered a large fire a head; hove to. At day-light another group appeared close on board, apparently consisting of 17 small islands. I was again fortunate in procuring a lunar, which agreeing with the chronometers gave, longitude the south point, 181. 43. W. lat. do. 8. 5. S. To these my officers did me the honour of giving the name of De Peyster's Islands. As a further corroboration of the correctness of the longitude, I must tell you, that in making Cape Saint George, New Ireland, which Horsburgh places in long. 207. 1. W. and the voyage in search of Perouse the same, the mean of my chronometers was 207. W. I became so nervous after these escapes, that for many nights I did not run. It is singular that Com. Byron should have run down the same parallel of latitude until within a short distance of the first group, and then hauled to the northward, and that Captain Wallis should have passed as near to the latter. All these islands are so remarkably low, that you cannot discover them from the deck, even in the day time, until close on board. This route from Chili, I have every reason to think has never before been pursued."—English Paper.

New-York, May 25. Extract of a letter from a shipman on board the United States ship Cyane, dated Sierra Leone, March 23d, 1820.

We arrived here after a passage of six weeks. The Elizabeth had arrived about ten days before us, and has gone on to Sherbro.

On our arrival, an English ship, mounting 30 guns, and a brig and three schooners, came up to us. We were called to quarters and expected a scuffle. The men shewed the utmost joy; but when we beat the retreat they were disappointed.

Reduction and Pacification of the Insurrection of the Grande Anse, (Hayti.)

By Captain Martin, of the Schr. Sterling, of this port, arrived from Jeremie, we learn the final reduction of the insurrection which (under Count Goman, one of Christophe's Nobles) has so long desolated that fair portion of the Republic of Hayti.

This Insurrection which broke out in 1807, immediately after the destruction of the soldan Emperor Dessalines, was undertaken by his partisans, to avenge his death, and persevered in ever since with unabated fury and various success. It produced a powerful diversion in favour of Christophe, who succoured it from time to time, with such means as he could spare from his own immediate defence.

The numerous expeditions sent against it by the late President Pétion, had from various causes failed of success, and left the Insurgents in full possession of the inexpugnable strong hold of the interior, from whence they issued forth, at their pleasure, carrying destruction and death wherever they went—in the course of its ravages not a village or seaport on a coast of 60 leagues in extent had escaped a temporary possession and pillage by those Brigands. The firmness of the peaceable part of the inhabitants, aided by the powerful means which the President Boyer has employed against them, has at length put an end to this horrid state of things.

An event of this nature cannot, it is presumed be viewed without some interest by the commercial part of this community, who formerly carried on an extensive trade to the quarter in question, and this interest must augment when we consider the present circumscribed bounds of our trade to the West Indies.

It will be recollected that this quarter agreeably to official documents, shipped in 1789, the astonishing quantity of upwards of 30 millions of produce, principally coffee and sugar, and though since that epoch things have much declined, the first arrondissement in the Republic, having on y produced about 6 millions of coffee last year, yet it will assist our readers in forming a true estimate of the relative importance of this fertile quarter to inform them, that the present crop of 1820, will not [in coffee and cocoa] be less than five millions, with every prospect of an annual augmentation, which may be calculated on with certainty from its superiority over every other in the Republic—as well as it respects the industrious habits of the planters and cultivators, as the nature of its soil and climate; and the great number of new plantations now under cultivation. Possessing such ample means for carrying on foreign trade, it will hardly be believed that not a single American, or other foreign vessel regularly frequents the ports of the Grande Anse.

[Capt. M. informs us that the first object which arrested his attention on his arrival at Jeremie, was the exposure of the heads of sixteen of the ringleaders of the insurrection, placed on pikes in a public part of the town.] American.

New-York, May 25.

THEATRE DESTROYED. FIRE.—It is our painful duty to announce the destruction of our Theatre by fire. The alarm occurred about half past one o'clock, at which time the flames burst out of the S. E. corner, fronting on Theatre Alley; and having commenced in the most combustible part of the building, the whole interior of this immense pile, was soon wrapped in flames, and in less than an hour and a half, was reduced to ashes.

This Theatre was built about 24 years since, and from many subsequent expensive improvements, it is believed that its interior was more elegant and commodious than any Theatre in the United States; and the loss is not only a public one, but

and proved very serious to the management, and individuals composing the company of performers, and by any thing was saved.

The manner in which the conflagration originated, is not known, but there is no idea of its having been the work of an incendiary. In the dramas performed the preceding evening, for the benefit of Mr. Noah, the author, there was a considerable quantity of powder burnt; and it may be that a particle of fire was thrown among the scenery, and remained alive unobserved, when the Theatre was closed, at half past 12.

Another circumstance is mentioned, as a probable cause of the fire. A number of our honest tars, who volunteered their services in the Siege of Tripoli, had been smoking, and it was conjectured that half burnt cigars had been carelessly thrown among the shavings in an adjoining room. But it is useless to notice the various conjectures.

The brilliant illumination produced by the flames, and the descending embers, can be better imagined than described. There was but little wind; and a shower of rain during the fire, no doubt prevented the destruction of much property.

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CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY.

Extract of a letter, dated

Washington City, April 24, 1820.

During a morning ramble, which I took yesterday, along the eastern branch of the Potomac, I came to the grave yard, in which are interred the remains of those members of congress, who departed this life while at the seat of the national government. It is situated on the bank of the river, about a mile S. E. of the capitol. In addition to the members of congress, there are also buried there a former secretary of the senate, and one of the Vice Presidents of the United States. The graves of those public characters are grouped together in one corner of the burying ground;—over which is erected a neat and durable monument of free stone—inscribed simply with the name, age, &c. of the occupant beneath. That over the Vice President is distinguished amongst the rest by its size, style, and workmanship. Supposing it might be interesting to see a list of those who have died here, in the public service, I take the liberty of submitting it.

1. Uriah Tracy, Senator in Congress from Connecticut. Died July 19, 1807—aged 52 years.
2. Ezra Darby, Representative in Congress from New Jersey. Died January 28, 1808—aged 38 years.
3. Francis Malbone, Representative in Congress from Rhode Island. Died June 4, 1809—aged 50 years.
4. Thomas Blount, Representative in Congress from North Carolina. Died February 7, 1812—aged 52 years.
5. John Smilie, Representative in Congress from Pennsylvania. Died December 30, 1812, aged 71 years.
6. John Dawson, Representative in Congress from Virginia. Died March 31, 1814—aged 52.
7. Elijah Brigham, Representative in Congress from Massachusetts. Died February 22, 1816—aged 73 years. [Note: the monument erroneously says he died on the 23 July.]

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